

Dear Member,

The 22 April meeting was well attended, 19 in the Hall, 1 on Zoom and 5 apologies.

**1. Announcements**

1.3 The 23 May competitions - Theme is **"Spring Time" and "Shot of the Month"**

**2. Presentation "RAF Northolt-Night Shoot" - by Brian Hillier**

On 7 March 2024 Brian Hillier and Andrew Longhurst went to RAF Northolt to photography the event called "Night Shoot", which is held in March and October every year, where a 300 photographers had paid to photograph a variety of military aircraft floodlight in the night-time sky..

The entry money was being used to complete the restoration of a 1936 fighter command room on RAF Northolt airfield, which led to the construction of the underground RAF Bunker in Vine Lane, Uxbridge.

Presented were many photographs of the 12 aircraft on display, taken by Brian Hillier and Andrew Longhurst using iphone, bridge, and DSLR cameras.

It was interesting to see photographs of the same aircraft taken with different shutter speeds, aperture and ISO settings, all of which resulted in acceptable photographs.

The main conclusion was that in this type of photography a minimum shutter speed of 1/50 or 1/100, with the appropriate aperture and ISO was required

**3. Competition - "Wildlife Photography" - 24 Entries**

The photo *"Stepping Out"* was considered elegant with the perfect title.

*"Cheerful Charlie"* is a very obliging robin in Andrew's garden who will appear almost on command to be photographed for a winning entry.

<b>U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - 22 April 2024</b>			
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Title - Wildlife</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Total</b>
Elisabeth Curran	Stepping Out	1	20
Andrew Longhurst	Cheerful Charlie	2	15
Mark Buckingham	Showing off our Feathers	3	12
Elisabeth Curran	Here's looking at you	4	9
Karol Schlechter	I'm on TV	5	8

Karol Schlechter	Me and my shadow	6	5
Norma Shirley	Nature at her artistic best	6	5
Brian Hillier	Ducks on a mission	7	4
Denise Buckingham	Swans at Windsor's	7	4
Andrew Longhurst	Who are you looking at?	7	4
Mike Briskman	Chicken	8	3
Margaret Dorigan	Enjoying breakfast	9	2
Norma Shirley	Impressive tail feathers	9	2
Sue Finch	Lions	10	1
Steve Binysh	Pelican	10	1
Malcolm Barwick	Aquadrome Rickmansworth		0
Brian Hillier	Lemur in Hanwell zoo		0
Malcolm Barwick	Not so much wild life		0
Denise Buckingham	On the Prowl		0
Mike Briskman	Pony		0
Sue Finch	Red Panda and Breakfast		0
Jothy Rainbow	Red- Wattled Lapwing		0
Judie Peddie	This kookaburra came for lunch!		0
Margaret Dorigan	White Duck		0

**4. Competition - "Shot of the Month" - 24 Entries**

"*Staithes*" was taken from the same viewpoint as in a postcard printed many years ago, and the colours seemed to indicate the age and historic nature of this coastal town, which many years ago was a major exporter of the chemical Alum used in dyeing woven materials.

"*When Trains ran on time*" was considered by all to be an excellent portrait.

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Andrew Longhurst	Staithes	1	19
Mark Buckingham	When Trains ran on Time	2	15
Andrew Longhurst	Saltburn Pier	3	11
Brian Hillier	Bridge in Regents Park	4	10
Mark Buckingham	Tulips at Kew	4	10
Elisabeth Curran	Pears	5	5
Sue Finch	Woodland Sprite	6	4
Margaret Dorigan	How long ago	7	3
Steve Binysh	Just Hanging Around	7	3
Norma Shirley	Down by the Canal	8	2
Sue Finch	Fungi	8	2
Karol Schlechter	Just a bunch of roses	8	2
Brian Hillier	Nature recycles in Swakeleys Park	8	2
Steve Binysh	Cracked	9	1
Margaret Dorigan	Not a Banksy!	9	1
Elisabeth Curran	Spooky	9	1
Karol Schlechter	Spring has Sprung	9	1
Jothy Rainbow	Young bunch of bananas	9	1
Norma Shirley	At the end of the day		0
Denise Buckingham	Silhouettes		0
Malcolm Barwick	Spring peaches		0

Denise Buckingham	Tickets Please		0
Malcolm Barwick	Where is this		0
Alan Stack	Windsor at Night		0

## 5. Important Dates

### 5.1 23 May 2024 - Group Meeting

- Presentation "**Black & White Photography**" by Brian & Andrew
- Themed comp-> "**Spring Time**" and "**Shot of the Month**"

### 5.2 24 June 2024 - Group Meeting

- Presentation "**Artificial Intelligence in Photography**" by Steve Binysh
- Themed comp-> " **Black & White Photography** " and "**Shot of the Month**"

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- Andrew Longhurst for collating the competition results.
- Tony Kemp for putting the presentation and competition results on our U3A - Photography Group web-site.

Brian Hillier,  
Photography Group Leader